

WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM



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Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). Below is a list of BMPs that may be applicable to your business. This list is not all inclusive; refer to the WPO for further details.

For more information call your inspector or the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

Shop Operations

- ☐ Operate a clean, dry shop. Sweep, mop, or vacuum floors to clean shop areas routinely. If wet washing is necessary, contain and collect wash water to prevent a discharge to the storm drain system.
- ☐ Conduct repairs, maintenance, and body work indoors or in a manner that any potential discharges are contained.
- ☐ Prevent spills and leaks. Develop spill prevention and response procedures. Use drip pans and ground cloths under vehicles.
- ☐ Use a commercial car wash facility or proper wash rack to wash vehicles. It is unlawful to allow car wash water from your business to enter the storm drain system or receiving waters.
- ☐ Collect sanding sludge and residues for proper disposal; never allow these wastes to be discharged off-site.

Materials & Waste Management

- ☐ Store all materials and waste with potential to pollute stormwater in a way that prevents contact with rainfall and runoff from storm flows or that contains contaminated runoff for treatment and disposal.
- ☐ Store, manage, and dispose of hazardous materials and waste in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- ☐ Store materials and wastes off the ground, under cover, and away from rain.
- ☐ Use secondary containment for hazardous waste storage and in areas with a high potential to create a discharge.
- ☐ Maintain storage containers in good condition; keep these items securely closed when not in use.
- ☐ Inspect storage areas at least once before the rainy season (October 1st - April 30th) and quarterly during the rainy season. Document inspection results and retain records on-site.
- ☐ Keep supplies for spill response available. Promptly clean up spills and leaks as they occur.
- ☐ Contain all spills on-site. Immediately report any spills of hazardous materials that reach the storm drain system to the County's Hazardous Materials Division at (619) 338-2284 or 9-1-1 after regular business hours. Non-hazardous spills may be reported to the Stormwater Hotline (888) 846-0800.

Training

- ☐ Train annually in BMP maintenance all operators, employees, and workers responsible for activities that could result in unlawful discharges and keep documentation of the training.
- ☐ Training shall include preventive maintenance, good housekeeping, proper solid and liquid waste disposal, equipment maintenance and repair, spill response, recycling, and BMP maintenance. Keep annual training records on-site.



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Grounds Maintenance

- ☐ Routinely sweep up dirt, leaves, and clippings on sidewalks, streets, gutters, and parking lots.
- ☐ Provide trash cans with lids in your parking lot to discourage littering.
- ☐ Post signs prohibiting discharges to the storm drain system, when required by your inspector.
- ☐ Do not store materials on the roof, unless adequate precautions are taken to prevent contact with stormwater.
- ☐ Direct roof downspouts away from work areas and toward landscaped areas whenever possible.
- ☐ Wash water from building and pavement washing must not be discharged to the storm drain system. Collect and contain wash water for treatment, re-use, or proper disposal.
- ☐ Temporarily cover storm drain inlets that are located within or down gradient of your business before performing any activity involving fluids that could result in spills, leaks, or runoff.

Solid Waste Storage & Loading Areas

- ☐ Trash storage and disposal areas should be inspected weekly.
- ☐ Sweep up litter and debris around dumpsters and loading and unloading areas regularly.
- ☐ Dispose of non-hazardous liquid waste into the sewer system, as allowed by local sewer agency.
- ☐ Keep dumpsters securely closed when not in use.
- ☐ Keep trash dumpsters, grease bins, and other waste containers in clean and leak-proof condition.
- ☐ Use dry methods (e.g., sweeping, vacuuming, mop and bucket) to clean out waste containers; if hosing or pressure washing is needed, take adequate precautions to contain all wash water on-site for proper disposal.
- ☐ For recycling information call the County Recycling Program: (877) R1 EARTH or (877) 713-2784.

Inspect Your Business

- ☐ Review the operations and procedures relating to protecting the storm drain system and receiving waters from pollutants at least annually. Maintain documentation of the annual review on-site. Provide documentation to the County inspector upon request.
- ☐ Inspect your business annually for stormwater and non-stormwater runoff. Ensure that all non-stormwater discharges are eliminated or captured for recycle, reuse, or proper disposal.
- ☐ Routinely inspect and maintain structural stormwater controls such as catch basins, oil/water separators, sumps, berms, and secondary containment, as well as other facility equipment.
- ☐ Eliminate any illicit connections of unlawful discharges to the storm drain system or receiving waters.

The Watershed Protection Ordinance may be found at www.sdcdpw.org/WPO
Additional BMP information may be found at www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp



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